1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	(B.S.E.S.)	1.8.94	170.35	337.47	524.00	550.60	50.00	498.72	466.52	392.36
	(TATAs)	1.8.94	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	296.71
	AV. Rates		109.08	177.40	273.64	295.28	62.53	196.76	232.93	252.01

U–Urban R– Rural

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*27. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the scheduled dates for completion of Ramachandranagar 84 MW (gas based), Agartala; Doyang (Hydel), Nagaland and Ranganadi (Hydel), Arunachal Pradesh, Power Projects of North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO):

(b) whether the Ramachandranagar Power Project of Tripura is running behind the schedule owing to lapses on the part of ONGC and GAIL; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure the timely completion of the said project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The details of the latest schedule of completion of Ramachandranagar 84 MW (Gas Based), Agartala; Doyang (Hydel), Nagaland and Ranganadi (Hydel), Arunachal Pradesh, Power Projects of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) are given below :

Sl. No.	Project	Latest Commissioning Schedule
1.	Agartala Gas Based Power Project Ramachandranagar, Agartala (21x4=84 MW)	Unit I – Nov.'97 Unit II – Dec.'97 Unit III – Jan.'98 Unit IV – Feb'98
2.	Doyang Hydro-electric Project Nagaland (25x3-75 MW)	Unit I – Mar.'98 Unit II – Sep.'98 Unit III – Oct.'98
3.	Ranganadi Hydro-electric Project Arunachal Pradesh (135x3=405 MW)	Unit I – Mar.'99 Unit II – June'99 Unit III – Sep.'99

(b) and (c) Agartala Gas Based Power Project is running behind the schedule not because of the lapses on the part of ONGC and GAIL, but because of the difficulties encountered by NEEPCO in transportation of heavy equipment comprising 8 heavy packages of about 98 MT each, which were to be transported from Germany to Calcutta by shipment; from Calcutta to Badarpur Ghat–Karimganj (Assam) by Inland Water ways and then by road to the project site via Karimganj.

The delay has taken place due to receding of water at Badarpur Ghat thereby making it impossible to off load the packages. Hence special ramps were constructed for this purpose. In addition, due to incessant rains & flash floods, culverts, bridges and by passes had to be repaired and strengthened to enable the transportation of these equipments to the project site. Due to bad condition of the roads, the special low bed trailors and prime movers had broken down on number of occasions and had to be repaired after importing spares from Germany. Now that all the required materials and machinery have reached the project site, the execution of work is in progress.

[Translation]

Spreading of Indecent Culture through Foreign Channels

*28. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to check invasion of Indian culture and the spread of influence of obscenity through foreign channels ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : Government have already introduced a Broadcasting Bill in the Parliament, which, among other things, seeks to regulate the foreign satellite channels and bring them within the ambit of Indian laws and regulations including a broadcasting code which inter alia would provide for promotion of Indian culture and prohibition of obscenity, etc.